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[0001] This application is a continuing application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/177,377 entitled "Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Wave Washer Force Restoring Element", filed ~~12/23/2003~~ 6/21/02, now U.S. Patent No. 6,723,127, which is a continuing application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/906,117 entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having a Wave Washer Force Restoring Element", filed 7/16/2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,468,310, and a continuing application of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/906,118 entitled "Intervertebral Spacer Device Having a Spiral Wave Washer Force Restoring Element", filed 7/16/2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,527,806.